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U-45 SUNK BY DESTROYERS

German Vessel Reported to Have Been Lost off the French Coast

NANTES DESPATCH BRINGS REPORT

The U-45 Recently Sank Steamers off Saint Nazaire

Paris, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Nantes despatch. This submarine recently sank steamers off Saint Nazaire.

CANNONADING LIVELY NEAR LOUUMENT

There Was Also an Intense Artillery Duel on the Monastir Front Thursday, Says Paris Official Report.

Paris, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louument, north of Verdun, during last night, the official statement says.

On the Macedonian front artillery duels of great intensity occurred north of Monastir on Thursday, the statement says.

MANY BOMBS DROPPED.

By British Aviators in the Mesopotamia Battle Field.

London, Dec. 22.—The following official communication concerning the operations in Mesopotamia was issued last night:

"During the night of Sunday British airplanes successfully bombed the enemy's river craft west of Kut-el-Amara. Monday and Wednesday strong reconnaissance were made to the west of the Shumran bend of the Tigris.

"During the last few days the enemy's positions about Sannayyat and Kut and his shipping west of the latter place were heavily bombed with satisfactory results. The bridge over the Hal river near its junction with the Tigris was destroyed by our fire."

GREAT BATTLE IN DOBRUDJA.

Central Powers Driven from Some Positions Recently Won.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 22.—A violent battle is in progress in northern Dobrudja, where the offensive was assumed by the forces of the central powers, which at first carried several heights but later were driven from a portion of the captured ground, the war office announced yesterday.

Russian attacks in efforts to gain control of the remaining heights are going on.

On the west bank of the Danube in the region north of Buzau and at other points there has been fighting, chiefly between advanced detachments.

HAVE RIGHT TO RESIST.

British Government Insists on Stand on Armed Vessels.

London, Dec. 22.—"The government cannot admit any distinction between the rights of unarmed merchant ships and those armed for defensive purposes," said Sir Edward Carson, a first lord of the admiralty, replying to a question yesterday in the House of Commons. Continuing, Sir Edward said:

"Merchant captains enjoy an immortal right to defend their vessels against attack, visit or search by any means in their power, but they must not seek out the enemy to attack him, that function being reserved to ships of war. So far as I am aware all the neutral powers take the same view."

The first lord said the British government was devoting its continuous attention to the theory and practice of defensive armament.

Sir Edward said no doubt it was the aim of the German government to confuse defensive and offensive action, with the object of inducing neutrals to treat armed vessels as if they were men-of-war.

DAMAGED BY MINE.

American Steamship Kansas in Distress Off French Coast.

Nantes, via London, Dec. 22.—The American steamship Kansas has been damaged by striking a mine. An effort is being made to remove part of her cargo and take her to dock.

The Kansas was damaged badly in the bow and one hold was flooded.

The Kansas sailed from Boston, Dec. 6, for St. Nazaire. She is owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. of New York. She was built at Camden, N. J., in 1903. Her gross tonnage is 7,193.

BRITISH CAPTURE TOWN.

El Arish, Located 90 Miles East of Suez Canal.

London, Dec. 22.—El Arish, located 90 miles east of the Suez canal, was captured yesterday by the British.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK.

The Itanus Was in the British Government Service.

London, Dec. 22.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamer Itanus, in the service of the British government.

BRITISH TROOPS WIN IN OUTLYING REGIONS

While the winter weather is causing military operations on most of the fighting fronts to lack features of interest, considerable activity is developing in the sectors far enough south to admit energetic campaigning. On the Tigris the British, after a long period of quiet, have recently pushed forward close to Kut-el-Amara and are continuing the attack on Turkish forces in that region, evidently in the hope of resuming the long delayed march toward Baghdad.

Now another field of activity is demanding attention with today's announcement that the British forces have captured El Arish in Egypt on the Mediterranean. The taking of El Arish establishes the British front well toward the border of Palestine and marks the furthest eastward penetration by the British forces in this area since the Turkish raids began.

NOW FULLY APPROVED.

Upper Danish House Votes Favorably on West Indies Sale.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22, via London.—Both houses of the Danish Parliament have now approved the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The Landsting, or upper house, voted favorably upon the proposition yesterday, 40 to 19. The bill for ratification of the treaty providing for the sale was adopted by the Folkething Wednesday.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Approval by Denmark's Parliament of the treaty by which the United States will acquire the Danish West Indies opens the way for a prompt exchange of ratifications between the two governments and consummation of negotiations that have been in progress intermittently since the Civil war.

The United States Senate already has given its approval, and as soon as the formal exchanges have taken place the administration will press measures in Congress appropriating the purchase price, \$25,000,000, and providing for the institution of an American territorial government on the islands.

American naval strategists for years have regarded possession of this little archipelago, lying 50 miles east of Porto Rico, as absolutely necessary to prevent any European power from acquiring it, and moreover, to establish there a great naval base and coaling station for the United States fleet.

GREATER RESOURCES SHOWN.

Large National Banks Gained 9 Per Cent in Short Time.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The first 100 national banks of the country in size, formerly congested in a few financial centers, but now scattered among 33 cities in 22 states, increased their resources between the bank calls of Sept. 12 and Nov. 17 by \$550,000,000, or about 9 per cent.

In a statement last night analyzing returns from the last call, Controller Williams pointed out that with one exception the resources of the 100 largest institutions are in excess of \$20,000,000 each, or more than \$2,000,000,000 altogether. New York state leads the list with 25 out of the 100. Pennsylvania has 16.

"The healthy distribution of the wealth and banking resources of the United States," said the statement, "which has been brought under the federal reserve system is being manifested in many ways."

"Among the 100 largest banks there are only five which did not show an increase. Three of the banks showing reductions were located in New York and two in California."

CURTAILS BOX CAR SHIPMENTS.

Boston & Albany Acts to Hasten Return of Cars.

Boston, Dec. 22.—In order to meet the demands of the western railroads for box cars, the Boston & Albany railroad last night issued an order to its freight agents greatly curtailing the shipments of outgoing box car freight and ordering the prompt return of every car to its respective road. The order follows:

"Effective at once, you will decline to furnish any box cars for loading carload freight on team tracks, or for loading carload sidings to be forwarded to points on or via the Boston & Albany railroad.

"You will also decline to accept any carload freight for loading through freight houses.

"Every car, as fast as it is made empty, must be moved promptly in the homeward direction according to home route.

"The object of this is to get cars west for shippers who are not getting their full quota of cars, and in accordance with directions from the American Railway association commission on car service."

AGAIN HOLDS JIMINEZ.

Villa Is Also Reported to Be Preparing Torreon Campaign.

Washington, Dec. 22.—State department advices yesterday indicated that Villa is again in possession of Jiminez and Santa Rosalia, south of Chihuahua, and that he is planning a campaign against Torreon, where there is only a small Carranza garrison. Telegraphic communication with Torreon was interrupted yesterday, but the last reports from there said the British consul, who has been representing American interests, was starting south with some 200 foreigners, mostly Americans and Germans.

TO BE ORDAINED.

Arthur Nolin of Swanton to Be Roman Catholic Priest.

Swanton, Dec. 22.—Arthur Nolin, son of Mrs. Louis Nolin, will be ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood at Burlington Saturday morning by Bishop Rice, and he will say his first mass at the Church of the Nativity in Swanton on Christmas eve. He is a graduate of St. Michael's college, Winoski, and Grand seminary in Montreal.

MUST CONFER WITH ALLIES

Before Great Britain Will Make Any Statement on Wilson Peace Note

BONAR LAW TOLD HOUSE OF COMMONS

When Interrogated Whether an Answer Would Be Made

London, Dec. 22.—The British government will make no statement at present in regard to President Wilson's peace note, considering it a question to be dealt with only in communication with the other members of the entente. Announcement to this effect was made in the House of Commons today by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and the government leader in the House. Law had been asked whether a statement would be made regarding the American note.

Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding Wilson's note or what action the government contemplated in respect to it. The speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. It expressed confidence in ultimate victory of the allies and a determination to prosecute the war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

While it cannot be said that the note was received with anything resembling a feeling of resentment, the Associated Press is enabled to say that its sudden and unexpected receipt puzzled officials, which was unprepared for it so close upon the heels of the German peace proposals. It is, therefore, believed the note will not interfere with the plans of the allies for sending a joint reply to the German proposals, which will probably be done before Christmas.

It is understood that opinion in official circles is that the speeches delivered within the last fortnight by the spokesmen of all the allied governments, the latest by Premier Lloyd-George, form the most effective replies to the proposals of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and really state the position of all the allies regarding any peace movement from any quarter.

OTHER NATIONS MAY JOIN AMERICA

Representatives of Switzerland and Spain in Washington Have Repeatedly Conferred with American Officials.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The question very much to the fore today in the discussion of Wilson's peace notes was whether European neutrals would present a united appeal. The Spanish and Swiss representatives here have been at the state department repeatedly since the proposals came out and probably know the full plans of this government.

The gradual clarification among the entente diplomats here of the president's purpose and the indications that they will advise their governments to reply in a friendly tone proved a source of deep gratification, as it was pointed out both in the note itself and in Lansing's explanation that one of the dangers was that the allies would consider the step a pro-German move. Every effort was to remove this impression and have the note considered apart from any other events. The entente diplomats, at first very fearful, have now accepted this view.

UNITED STATES DOES NOT PROPOSE TO QUIT NEUTRALITY

Secretary of State Lansing Issued Second Note Explaining What He Had Meant About Country Being Near 'Verge of War.'

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note to the belligerents, urging discussion of peace, was officially interpreted yesterday as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war because of the continued invasion of its rights by the warring powers on both sides.

This interpretation was made late yesterday by Secretary Lansing in a formal statement issued to overcome what were characterized as widespread misconstructions placed on one given out earlier in the day saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the United States as a neutral, it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future.

Secretary Lansing's final statement, formally prepared and issued after he had been called to the White House for a conference with President Wilson, declared that he had not intended to intimate that the United States was considering any change in its policy of neutrality and that the whole tone and language of the note were sufficient to indicate its purpose without further comment on his part.

The second note reads as follows: "I have learned from several quarters that a wrong impression was made by the statement which I made this morning, and I wish to correct that impression."

"My intention was to suggest the very direct and necessary interest which this country as one of the neutral nations has in the possible terms which the belligerents may have in mind, and I did not intend to intimate that the government was considering any change in its policy of neutrality which it has consistently pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties."

"I regret that my words were open to

any other construction as I now realize that they were. I think that the whole tone and language of the note to the belligerents show the purpose without further comment on my part. It is needless to say that I am unreservedly in support of that purpose and hope to see it accepted."

Entente diplomats, at first at an utter loss how to handle the unexpected situation, became convinced that a clearer understanding of the necessities and purposes of the United States proved that their fear of a move favorable to Germany was not contemplated, and that this country would not try to force peace on Europe. Their view grew that the United States feared that unless the peace proposals go through now, a period of ruthlessness and retaliation may set in on both sides which will inevitably force this country into action.

WOULD REVEAL TERMS IF ENTENTE FAVORS

Central Powers are Said to Be Ready to Tell at Once on What Plan They Will Terminate War.

London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that should the entente in its reply to the peace proposals of the central powers, leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make her chief peace terms immediately.

The statement of Sir Edward was made in reply to the question whether, in view of the attitude of the German government, the admiralty would take steps to overcome objections raised by any neutral country to the arming of British merchant ships for defense, and arrange to give such ships adequate protective armament and regularize the status of their officers and crew.

The point made concerning Germany's attitude was deduced from the German reply in giving assurances that Capt. Blake of the steamship Caledonia would not be put to death on account of the fact that his vessel was reported to have attempted to ram a German submarine.

It was implied that had the steamship Brussels been armed, a different view might have been taken regarding the action of her master, Capt. Fryatt, who was put to death after conviction on the charge that the Brussels attempted to ram a German submarine.

WANTS PROPOSAL PUBLIC.

Members of Parliament Inclined to Consider Peace Offer.

London, Dec. 22.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the House of Commons last night. Sir John A. Simon, on behalf of himself and a group of followers, gave an unqualified support to Premier Lloyd-George's speech in the House of Commons and then Hastings B. L. Smith, liberal member for Northampton dressed in his military uniform, sounded a new note—urging that the German proposals be allowed to see the light of day. Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the government and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country, then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain.

"My understanding," said Mr. Smith, in his address, "is that the reply of the premier to the German note was to the effect that the door was not yet closed. That is a wise answer, and the best possible answer at this stage. The German proposals should be allowed to see the light of day. If they disclose an aggressive purpose, then the German people will realize that they are not suffering and dying for their mere existence, as they have been told."

"I am not prepared to face the prospects of a military decision which means a war of attrition, unless I am convinced there is no other way out. I believe in the security scheme by which the nations agree together to guarantee all and all guarantee each. An attempt to hold the central empires down by a military decision, followed by economic strangulation, would mean carrying forward into peace all hostilities and hatreds of the war. It would be a serious effort to get the parties together, then I am certain such a proposition would be carried by virtual unanimity."

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ENGLISH PRESS SKEPTICAL.

One Paper Considers Nation Deeply Insulted by Wilson Note.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily News, which is the nearest to pacifist among the London newspapers, says today regarding President Wilson's note:

"As a liberal newspaper which has always made a special feature of endeavoring to bring Great Britain and America close together, and through evil report as well as good has championed the progressive ideals of the United States, it would be a serious effort to get the parties together, then I am certain such a proposition would be carried by virtual unanimity."

"The note is, in effect, however, different by its intention, an appendix to that lately received from Berlin."

Saying that it is not based on the grounds of humanity or injury to the United States the Daily Chronicle says:

"We are bound to observe that with only the Belgian slave raids, in which the enemy flouted his remonstrances, President Wilson never in the face of unparalleled openings intervened on the ground of humanity before."

The newspaper considers President Wilson's statement that the objects of both belligerents are virtually the same is most painful for liberal European liberals and adds:

"The president did not intend his words as an insult, but they are deeply insulting none the less, and none of the allied peoples can be expected to relish them. The good intentions of the note do not impregnate. Behind all its ineffectual gross opportunities stand. The figure of the statesman we respect, but he has made a profound mistake."

TEN PEOPLE PERISHED

When Fire Broke Out in the Kansas Masonic Home at Wichita

EIGHT VICTIMS WERE CHILDREN

There Were 92 Persons in Building When Fire Started

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 22.—Ten persons, eight of them children, and two aged women are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which early today destroyed the Kansas Masonic home. Ninety-two persons were asleep in the building when the fire started.

STOCK MARKET WAS LESS NERVOUS

Shares Recently Under Greatest Pressure Recovered From Two to Eight Points at Today's Opening.

New York, Dec. 22.—The opening prices on the stock exchange showed a sharp recovery from the closing transactions of yesterday. Gains of two to eight points were registered by the shares recently under the greatest pressure.

MRS. DANIEL MARSHALL

Died at Waterbury Center of Complication of Diseases.

Waterbury, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Daniel Marshall died yesterday at her home in Waterbury Center of a complication of diseases. She was born, Ellen Gray, in Massachusetts on Aug. 25, 1852, being the daughter of Henry and Maria Gray. She came with her parents to Waterbury when she was quite young and on Aug. 31, 1874, she married Mr. Marshall.

The deceased leaves her husband and three children, as follows: George of Johnson and Arthur and Frank of Waterbury; also three sisters and three brothers, as follows: Mrs. Frank Blakeley of Colchester, Mrs. George McBride of Burlington, Mrs. George Graves of Winoski and Henry, Walter and George Gray of Massachusetts.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. B. T. Parker, pastor of the Baptist church at the Center, officiating. Interment will be at the Center.

HONORED THEIR ANCESTORS.

Middlebury Historical Society Held a Formal Observance.

Middlebury, Dec. 22.—The 266th anniversary of Forefathers' day was observed here yesterday at the Congregational church under the auspices of the Middlebury Historical society. The opening meeting was held in the church at 5 o'clock, when an address was delivered by Rev. C. C. Adams of the First church of Burlington. His subject was "The Pilgrim's Way of Finding His Soul."

After the services a banquet was served in the parlors of the church by the ladies of the Lathrop society, covers being laid for 130. President Thomas of Middlebury college was toastmaster. Rev. H. C. Newell, pastor of the church, spoke on "Pilgrim Mothers," and other talks were given by Judge C. L. Button, J. N. Barrs of the state industrial school, and Rev. Dr. Adams of Burlington.

BODY BROUGHT TO VERMONT.

Albert Shipman Was Formerly Resident of Westminster.

Bellows Falls, Dec. 22.—Word was received here today that the body of Albert Shipman would arrive today from Chicago. Mr. Shipman was for many years a resident of Gageville in the town of Westminster and he represented that town in the legislature of 1908. He was employed for a long time by the International Paper company. For several years he has resided with his daughter, Miss Jennie Shipman, at Chicago. She was formerly a teacher in the Bellows Falls high school.

JURY COULD NOT AGREE.

In Case Charging Malpractice Against George W. Bolton.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 22.—The Caledonia county jury in the malpractice case of the state against Dr. George W. Bolton of West Burke came in at noon yesterday, the foreman announcing a disagreement. The case was given to the jury at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. It is possible that the case will be tried again and if so it will be at this time of court and will probably be started on January 9. Unless this case is retired the last jury case of the term has been heard.

CAUGHT IN SHAFING.

Forrest Merrill Instantly Killed in Lumber Plant in Lakeport, N. H.

Lakeport, N. H., Dec. 22.—Forrest Merrill, aged 30, was instantly killed while at work at the Bonita Correll Lumber company plant here yesterday. He got caught on a shafting and was hurled against a side wall. Mr. Merrill was a resident of Plymouth, N. H., and was married.

N. E. CHAMBERLAIN DEAD.

Well Known Burlington Man Had Been Ill for Two Weeks.

Burlington, Dec. 22.—N. E. Chamberlain, one of the best known business men of Burlington, died early this morning after being at a local sanatorium for treatment during the past two weeks.

45 SOUGHT PAPERS IN CITIZENSHIP

Of the Number 25 Were Aliens Applying for Their First Papers—Court Session in Graniteville

To-night.

Forty-five candidates for citizenship were given hearings at city hall Thursday afternoon and evening when Clerk F. S. Platt of Rutland presided over a session of United States court. Twenty-five aliens were granted first papers and 20 applicants presented their petitions for papers of the second class. Clerk Platt was assisted in the session by United States Marshal Carpenter of Brattleboro, Deputy Marshal George Lacey of Montpelier, J. S. Haley, the bailiff, C. DeF. Bancroft, the intermediary, and Miss Mary Donetti of Barre, court stenographer. This forenoon the court convened in Miles' hall at Graniteville, where it was expected that a large number of Barre town candidates would present themselves this afternoon and evening.

First papers were granted as follows: Giovanni Abbiati, Italy; Ricardo Alonzo, Spain; Alexander Blisset, Scotland; Ernesto Cecchini, Italy; Domenico DiBona, Italy; Carlo Emoli, Italy; Antonio Fazio, Italy; Giuseppe Fiandelli, Italy; Achille Fontana, Italy; Francisco Franco, Italy; Stanley Godziszewski, Russia; Antonio Grassi, Italy; Peter Gropelli, Italy; Gildo Italo Montapoli, Barre; Desiderio Nata, Italy; Giuseppe Pantrini, Italy; Abran Popok, Russia; Mario Rabboli, Italy; Ambrogio Rossi, Italy; Antonio Riuz, Spain; Paolo Simonetti, Italy; Angelo Tomasini, Italy; Giuseppe Zampieri, Italy. All of the applicants reside here in the city.

Candidates applying for second papers are as follows: Michele Alessandro, Italy; Charles Gerald Barr, Scotland; Giuseppe Bordonzotti, Switzerland; Giovanni Bottinelli, Italy; Louis Carri, Switzerland; Cesidio Conci, Italy; Charles Chapman, England; Alexander Cowie, Scotland; Richard Fitzgerald, Canada; Alexander Fowle, Scotland; Alexander Fowle, Jr., Scotland; Hervey Hebert, Canada; William Innes, Scotland; Ernesto Rizzoli, Italy; William Robertson, Scotland; William Robertson, Jr., Scotland; John Joseph Shea, Ireland; David Lowe Thow, Scotland; Florentino Vega, Spain. With the exception of Mr. Thow, who lives in South Barre, all candidates reside here in the city.

IN BAD PLIGHT.

Children of Harry Sargent Sent to School at Vergennes.

Three children whose only home for some time has been a single room in a block on Pearl street, where they have been living with their father, were brought before Judge H. W. Scott in city court Thursday afternoon under the juvenile act and by the magistrate advising dependent children. After reviewing the evidence offered by the father, Harry Sargent, by Overseer Bigelow of Washington, and members of the aldermanic charity department, the judge sent the children, three sisters, to the state industrial school in Vergennes. Arlene, aged 14, did most of the talking for the trio, but her tiny sister, Violet, aged 9, and the next eldest, Gail, aged 13, also told their stories.

It developed that marital troubles had broken up the Sargent home and the father of the children, compelled by his physical condition to face many obstacles, sought to keep the youngsters together by housing them in the Pearl street room. Originally, the Sargents came from Washington and the charity department of that town was interested in the case. The elder Sargent was ordered by the court to pay \$1 per week toward the maintenance of the children in Vergennes. They were turned over to Probation Officer C. A. Smith and last night Sheriff F. H. Tracy accompanied them to the state school.

WAS ILL MANY MONTHS.

Mrs. Minnie S. Parizeo Died This Morning on the East Hill.

Mrs. Minnie S. Parizeo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Telles Stone, passed away at the home of her parents on east hill this morning at 3:30 o'clock, the end following an illness of seven months. Besides her parents, she is survived by her son, Paul, and by three sisters, Miss Florence Stone of Lewiston, Me., Mrs. N. Canton of Montreal, P. Q., and Miss Nellie Stone of Barre; also two brothers, Telles Stone of Cambridge and Dewey Stone of this city. The deceased was born Minnie Stone in Quincy, Mass., June 20, 1880. When she was a child her parents moved to Barre and she had always resided in this vicinity. Her marriage to Akin Parizeo took place in Barre 19 years ago. Mrs. Parizeo was a communicant of St. Monica's church.

Funeral arrangements will not be made until word is received from absent brothers and sisters of the deceased.

SMOTHERED IN BED CLOTHES.

Burlington Infant Was Found Dead by Its Mother.

Burlington, Dec. 22.—The second infant in this city to meet death by accidental smothering in less than a month's time, was Edward Charles McKernon, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKernon of 331 St. Paul street, who was found dead by its mother yesterday morning. The child had been dead but a very short time when found by his mother and blood which came from the nose showed that death might have been due to hemorrhage. An autopsy performed later in the day at the request of the parents proved that death was caused by asphyxiation. The mother had left the infant about an hour before she was found dead.

The infant, besides his mother, is survived by two sisters.

ARRESTED ON ARRIVAL.

Charles Lefay Held at Brattleboro on Statutory Charge.

Brattleboro, Dec. 22.—Charles Lefay, formerly of Hinsdale, N. H., was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with a statutory offense as he got off a train in company with Mrs. Maybelle Potter of Hinsdale, wife of Ernest Potter. The woman had her 9-month-old baby with her.

Potter has started proceedings to gain the custody of his child.

BIG DAMAGE IN EXPLOSION

Boiler in Randolph Chinese Laundry Went Through Two Floors

AND DEMOLISHED THE PARTITIONS

Two Chinese Narrowly Escaped Being Hit by the Mass

Randolph, Dec. 22.—A steam boiler in a Chinese laundry in the basement of the Holmes building on Merchants' row exploded at 9:30 o'clock this forenoon, passing through the store of the Litchfield market, also the kitchen floor of the Randolph inn and nearly through the floor above the kitchen into a bedroom which a moment before had been vacated by a chambermaid.

The Chinese laundry man had just left the laundry to go to the hotel kitchen and there with the Chinese cook he was enjoying his breakfast at a small table in the corner of the room. The boiler passed within three feet of the two men as they sat at the table, cutting off large timbers and boards of the floors as it passed upward. When the boiler fell back it again barely missed hitting the two men.

Every partition in the Litchfield market was wrecked by the concussion, and the plate glass in the windows and doors was demolished and pieces of glass were blown across the street. Much of the glass in the hotel was also broken. One woman was the only person in the market and she was blown across the room into the open windows but was not injured.

A fire started after the explosion but the flames were put out by the use of hand extinguishers.

DIED FROM HIS FALL.

Eugene Delage Was at First Thought to Be Slightly Hurt.

Winoski, Dec. 22.—Eugene Delage, 45 West Center street, who was injured a week ago this morning at the wooden mill when he fell four stories with an elevator, died shortly after two o'clock yesterday morning as a result of the accident. At the time of the accident Mr. Delage appeared to have received only a compound fracture to his right leg just above the ankle, but on Tuesday his condition became such from internal injuries, that it was necessary to perform an operation on him. It developed that he was badly injured internally and he failed to rally.